

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2500
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2008
DECLINE OF ASSAMESE SPEAKING POPULATION
Mondal Shri Abu Ayes

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the population of Assamese speaking people in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) & (b): The number of speakers of Assamese language for India and Assam as per 1991 and 2001 census are given below:-

	1991	2001	Growth Rate (%)
--	------	------	-----------------

India	13079696	13168484	0.68
-------	----------	----------	------

Assam	12958088	13010478	0.40
-------	----------	----------	------

Thus there has been no decline in the Assamese speaking population in the country including Assam during 1991-2001.